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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we begin a new year, it is appropriate to reflect on the accomplishments of the previous twelve months and at the same time look ahead to the promise of the future.

First, I want to thank Rear Admiral Evelyn J. Fields, NOAA, (Retired) for her outstanding leadership of NMAO and the NOAA Corps over the past four and half years. Her tenure was one of vision, empowerment, and accomplishment. In addition, a special thanks and good luck to Bob Taylor, who retires on January 2, 2004, from his position as Deputy Director of NMAO. His contributions to NMAO and NOAA over his 33 years of service were exceptional. They both will be missed.

This past year has been one of fleet renewal of both ships and aircraft. We have commissioned into service three former Navy vessels, OSCAR ELTON SETTE, McARTHUR II, and THOMAS JEFFERSON, all replacing older vessels, and put into operation NANCY FOSTER, whose commissioning was postponed because of Hurricane Isabel. We launched FSV1, OSCAR DYSON, the first NOAA purpose-built fisheries vessel to join the fleet in 33 years. Construction of FSV2 also began. A new Twin Otter aircraft is soon to be in service for a variety of "low and slow" data-collection missions. We also renewed NOAA Corps recruiting efforts and just graduated a group of talented young officers from BOTC 104, who are now on their way to the fleet. A noteworthy operational accomplishment was the contribution of the NOAA hurricane hunters in supporting the forecasting and tracking in September of Hurricane Isabel, one of the most accurately forecasted hurricanes of recent history.

As we look ahead to 2004, a transition to new NMAO leadership will take place and a new team will take on the challenges of managing this outstanding organization. Progress will continue on fleet renewal. Three additional ships will be put into service: (1) FAIRWEATHER; (2) OSCAR DYSON; and (3) HI'IALAKAI. We also are moving forward to obtain our sixth T-AGOS vessel, ASSERTIVE, from the Navy to replace DAVID STARR JORDAN in the 2006-2007 timeframe. New instrumentation will be deployed on the Gulfstream-IV. We also will bring in two BOTC's.

The accomplishments noted above are the result of the hard work and dedication exhibited by all of you and the entire NMAO workforce. I thank you and look forward to continued success in 2004.

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The following NOAA vessels meet the criteria as stated in NOAA Corps Regulations Chapter 2, Section 02103 for being designated as “unusually arduous sea duty” for calendar year 2004.

JOHN N. COBB	MCARTHUR II	RONALD H. BROWN
NANCY FOSTER	MILLER FREEMAN	RUDE
KA’IMIMOANA	RAINIER	THOMAS JEFFERSON

RETIRED OFFICERS’ BIOGRAPHIES

Rear Admiral Evelyn J. Fields

Rear Admiral Evelyn J. Fields retired on December 1, 2003 with 30 years, 1 month and 26 days of active service.

Rear Admiral Fields graduated from Norfolk State College, May 1971 with a bachelors’ degree in Mathematics. She began her career with NOAA in 1972 as a cartographer at Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, Virginia.

Rear Admiral Fields was appointed to the NOAA Corps on October 5, 1973 under the instruction of the 46th Basic Officer Training Class. Her sea tours included assignments as Junior Officer, NOAA Ship MT MITCHELL, Operations Officer, NOAA Ship PEIRCE, and Executive Officer, NOAA Ship RAINIER. Rear Admiral Fields served as Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship MCARTHUR and was the first woman officer from any of the U. S. Uniformed Services to command a U.S. commissioned ship. Her shore assignments included Data Processor, NOS, Marine Surveys Division, Instruction Writer, NOS, C&GS, Hydrographic Surveys, Assignment Coordinator, CPC, Administrative Officer and Deputy, NOS, C&GS, NGS, Chief, NOS, C&GSA, NCD, Hydrographic Surveys Branch, Director, Commissioned Personnel Center and Deputy Assistant Administrator, NOS. Prior to her retirement, Rear Admiral Fields served as Director, NOAA Corps and NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations.

Commander Joanne F. Flanders

Commander Joanne F. Flanders retired on January 1, 2004 with 22 years, 8 months and 14 days of active service.

Commander Flanders attended the University of Utah at Salt Lake City, and earned her bachelors’ degree in anthropology in 1978. She later earned a Master of Arts Degree in Education from American University, Washington, DC. She began her career with NOAA as a Physical Scientist in 1980.

Commander Flanders was appointed to the NOAA Corps on April 17, 1981 under the instruction of the 70th Basic Officer Training Class. Her sea tours included assignments as Junior Officer, NOAA Ship OCEANOGRAPHER and NOAA Ship SURVEYOR, Operations Officer, NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN and Executive Officer, NOAA Ship TOWNSEND CROMWELL. Her shore assignments included Staff, NMFS, Marine Mammals Laboratory, Staff Assistant, Office of Chief Scientist, Executive Officer, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, and Executive Officer and Manager, NOS, OCRM, SRD, MB, NMS. Prior to her retirement, Commander Flanders served as Special Assistant, NOS, Office of Ocean Exploration.

NOAA ACO INSIGNIA ORDER FORM

Attached to this Bulletin is a current order form.

BILLET LIST

Attached to this Bulletin is a current NOAA Corps Billet List. The list has been updated from PCS orders received by CPC through January 1, 2004.

I. APPROVED ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Captain

None.

Commander

Wright, Timothy B., from NMAO, Marine Operations Center to NMAO, NOAA Ship RONALD H. BROWN, Charleston, South Carolina, as Commanding Officer (Billet #0700, January 2004).

Kuester, Scott E., from Program Coordination Office to NMAO, NOAA Ship HI'IALAKAI, Honolulu, Hawaii, as Commanding Officer (Billet #0900, July 2004).

Lieutenant Commander

Slagle, Raymond C., from NMAO, Commissioned Personnel Center to NMAO, NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON, Norfolk, Virginia, as Executive Officer (Billet #0731, July 2005).

Herring, John E., from NMAO, Marine Operations Center to NMAO, NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN, Seattle, Washington, as Rotating Commanding Officer (Billet #0960, May 2004) and Operations, Management and Information Officer (Billet #2250, May 2004).

Lake, Brian J., from OAR, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory to OAR, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, Seattle, Washington, as Operations Manager TAO Project (Billet #3358, February 2004).

Noll, Guy T., from NOS, Office of Coast Survey to NMAO, NOAA Ship RAINIER, Seattle, Washington, as Executive Officer (Billet #0931, December 2004).

Verlaque, James S., from NMAO, Marine Operations Center to NMAO, NOAA Ship NANCY FOSTER, Charleston, South Carolina, as Commanding Officer (Billet #0780, February 2005).

Stolz, Scott S., from NOS, Office of Response and Restoration to OAR, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory, Miami, Florida, as Associate Director (Billet #3200, December 2003).

Haines, Donald W., from NMAO, NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON to NOS, Office of Coast Survey, Hydrographic Surveys Division, Seattle, Washington, as Chief Pacific Hydrographic Branch (Billet #7270, August 2004).

Gruccio, Philip A., from NMAO, NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV to NMAO, NOAA Ship DELAWARE II, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, as Commanding Officer (Billet #0758, June 2004).

Lieutenant

Hoshlyk, Michael J., from NMAO, NOAA Ship RONALD H. BROWN to NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Pacific Fisheries Environmental Laboratory, Pacific Grove, California, as Executive Officer (Billet #2391, July 2004).

I. APPROVED ASSIGNMENT CHANGES (continued)

Lieutenant (continued)

Bunn, James A., from OAR, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory to NMAO, NOAA Ship NANCY FOSTER, Charleston, South Carolina, as Executive Officer (Billet #0781, December 2004).

Boland, Mark J., from NMFS, Alaska Regional Office to NMAO, NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN, Seattle, Washington, as Executive Officer (Billet #0961, August 2005).

Helmers, Julie V., from NMAO, Aircraft Operations Center to NOS, Marine Sanctuaries Division, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Santa Barbara, California, as Executive Officer (Billet #7631, March 2004).

Berkowitz, Eric W., from NMAO, Aircraft Operations Center to NMAO, Aircraft Operations Center, Chanhassen, Minnesota, as Chief Snow Survey Flight Program (Billet #1080, November 2003).

Illg, James A., from NMAO, NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV to NMAO, ALBATROSS IV, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, as Rotating Executive Officer (Billet # 0751, February 2004) and NE Marine Support Facility Port Captain (Billet #0620, February 2004).

Parker, Brian W., from NMAO, NOAA Ship DAVID STARR JORDAN to NMFS, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Newport, Oregon, as Program Manager (Billet #2135, August 2004).

Haupt, Todd A., from NMAO, NOAA Ship RUDE to NMAO, NOAA Ship RUDE, Norfolk, Virginia, as Commanding Officer (Billet #0775, June 2004).

Krepp, Lawrence T., from NOS, Office of Coast Survey to NMAO, NOAA Ship RUDE, Norfolk, Virginia, as Commanding Officer (Billet #0775, June 2005).

Van Den Ameele, Edward J., from NOS, Office of Coast Survey to NMAO, NOAA Ship FAIRWEATHER, Ketchikan, Alaska, as Executive Officer (Billet #0918, July 2005).

Zezula, David J., from OAR, Space Environment Center to NMAO, NOAA Ship RUDE, Norfolk, Virginia, as Executive Officer (Billet #0776, June 2004).

Ellis, Michael F., from OAR, Space Environment Center to NMAO, NOAA Ship GORDON GUNTER, Pascagoula, Mississippi, as Executive Officer (Billet #0721, March 2005).

Lieutenant (junior grade)

Price, Daniel J., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship DELAWARE II, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, as Junior Officer (Billet #0762, December 2003).

Ensign

Shoup, Jeffrey D., from NMAO, NOAA Ship RONALD H. BROWN to NESDIS, Office of Satellite Data Processing and Distribution, Suitland, Maryland, as SARSAT Operations Support Officer (Billet #6500, July 2004).

Ayers, Silas M., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship RONALD H. BROWN, Charleston, South Carolina, as Junior Officer (Billet #0704, December 2003).

I. APPROVED ASSIGNMENT CHANGES (continued)

Ensign (continued)

Davidson, Michael C., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON, Norfolk, Virginia, as Junior Officer (Billet #0736, December 2003).

Fischman, David E., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship KA'IMIMOANA, Honolulu, Hawaii, as Junior Officer (Billet #0949, December 2003).

Goeller, Amanda L., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0965, December 2003).

Harman, Leah A., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0966, December 2003).

Higgins, Abigail S., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship RAINIER, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0939, December 2003).

Householder, Paul A., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship McARTHUR II, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0976, December 2003).

Jackson, Sarah E., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship KA'IMIMOANA, Honolulu, Hawaii, as Junior Officer (Billet #0948, December 2003).

Mansour, Jason R., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship MILLER FREEMAN, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0965, December 2003).

Nguyen, Tri M., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship OSCAR ELTON SETTE, Honolulu, Hawaii, as Junior Officer (Billet #0953, December 2003).

Pounds, Brent J., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship RAINIER, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0941, December 2003).

Stevenson, Michael J., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship RAINIER, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0935, December 2003).

Welton, Briana J., from NMAO, BOTC-104 to NMAO, NOAA Ship RAINIER, Seattle, Washington, as Junior Officer (Billet #0937, December 2003).

II. PROMOTIONS

None.

III. APPOINTMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVED RETIREMENTS

John T. Moakley	CAPT	08/01/04
Ted I. Lillestolen	CAPT	09/01/04

V. APPROVED RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS

Paulene O. Roberts	LT	10/01/04
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VI. RETIREMENTS

Evelyn J. Fields	RADM	12/01/03
Joanne F. Flanders	CDR	01/01/04

VII. RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS

None.

VIII. OTHER CHANGES TO THE LINEAL LIST

IX. ON BOARD STRENGTH AS OF 1 JANUARY 2004 - 255

IN MEMORIAM
Commander George E. Morris, Jr., NOAA (ret.)
April 5, 1906-October 7, 2003

Commander George E. Morris, Jr., was born April 5, 1906, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1927. Following his graduation, he was appointed as a Deck Officer on June 29, 1927, and commissioned as an ensign on July 17, 1928.

During his 30 year career, Commander Morris' assignments included the following ships: MIKAWE, RANGER, PATHFINDER, and FATHOMER, as junior officer; FATHOMER, PATHFINDER, and LYDONIA as operations officer; WESTDAHL, PATHFINDER, and RESEARCH as executive officer; FATHOMER, RESEARCH, and SCOTT as Commanding Officer. His other assignments included: Hydrographic Parties, H & T, Field Records Section, and Chief of Party, Photogrammetry Field Inspection.

Commander Morris was transferred to the U.S. Army from May 7, 1942, to September 8, 1945, during World War II. He served in overseas assignments in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Army Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Defense Ribbon with one star, Philippine Distinguished Unit Badge, Philippine Independence Medal, and C&GS prewar ribbon.

Commander Morris is survived by two children, Mary Ann Newman and Scott S. Morris.